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**REMARKS**

Entry of the above amendment is requested. The fees to be charged applicant are based upon applicant's assumption of entry of this preliminary amendment.

For the specification, applicant has amended the specification to indicate that the application is a National Stage Patent Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/011135, filed August 4, 2004, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-292529, filed August 12, 2003.

For the claims, multiple dependencies have been deleted and a new claim has been added to further define the invention.

The Patent Office is invited to contact the undersigned if there are issues with the preliminary amendment to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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